

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Special Open Door Forum:  
Surety Bond Requirement for Durable Medical Equipment,  
Prothetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Suppliers

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

2:00PM – 3:30PM ET

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will hold a Special Open Door Forum (ODF) to discuss the implementation of surety bonds for certain DMEPOS suppliers. On December 29, 2008, CMS announced that it was requiring certain DMEPOS supplier suppliers to post a surety bond in an amount not less than \$50,000. Existing suppliers subject the bonding requirement must comply with this requirement by October 2, 2009 while newly enrolling suppliers subject to the bonding requirement must meet this requirement by May 4, 2009.

During this ODF CMS staff will discuss the:

- Key provisions of the January 2, 2009 Final Rule,
- Exemptions to surety bond requirement,
- Implementation dates,
- Definition of a final adverse action, and
- Elevated surety bond amounts.

Afterwards, there will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions.

We look forward to your participation.

Special Open Door Forum Participation Instructions:

Dial: 1-800-837-1935

Reference Conference 88857015

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[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/OpenDoorForums/05\\_ODF\\_SpecialODF.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/OpenDoorForums/05_ODF_SpecialODF.asp) and will be accessible for downloading beginning March 25, 2009.

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